

Transportation Enhancements (TE) are transportation-related activities that are designed to strengthen the cultural, aesthetic, historic, and environmental aspects of our transportation infrastructure. Federal funding is available to government agencies to provide support for transportation and community improvement projects.

In 1991, the United States Congress created TE through the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act (ISTEA). The Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century (TEA-21) was passed in 1998 and the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU) was enacted in 2005 to continue to provide financial support for TE.



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T r a n s p o r t a t i o n  
E n h a n c e m e n t s





## Program Eligibility

Transportation Enhancement (TE) funds are only available to state and local government agencies. Projects must serve a public purpose in perpetuity, and the facilities and/or services provided are to be on a nonprofit basis.

Organizations interested in obtaining funding should complete an Intent to Apply form and submit it to the KYTC by the annual deadline. Projects must be transportation related and fit one or more of the 12 eligible categories. If the Intent to Apply satisfactorily meets these requirements, the organization will be invited to compile information for a more comprehensive explanation of the project. For instance, the sponsor will be asked to solicit public support, develop a detailed budget, obtain a required 20 percent match of requested funding, and provide a plan of how the project will be administered.



The following project types are eligible for TE funding:

- Pedestrian and bicycle facilities
- Pedestrian and bicyclist safety and education
- Acquisition of scenic or historic easements and sites, including battlefields
- Scenic or historic highway programs
- Landscaping and scenic beautification
- Historic preservation
- Historic transportation buildings
- Rail corridor preservation
- Inventory, control, and removal of outdoor advertising
- Archaeological planning and research
- Environmental mitigation
- Transportation museums

The TE Program is a reimbursement program, not a grant program. A proposed project must be selected, approved, programmed, and contracted with the KYTC prior to the expenditure of any funds. Training sessions are held annually to educate government representatives on how to apply for and complete a TE project.

For questions regarding an application & eligibility, contact Transportation Enhancements at the KYTC Office of Special Programs, 502-564-2060.



### For More Information:

KY Transportation Cabinet  
<http://tea21.ky.gov/>

Federal Highway Administration  
<http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/environment/te/guidance.htm>

FHA SAFETEA-LU Legislation  
<http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/reauthorization/index.htm>

National Transportation  
Enhancements Clearinghouse  
<http://www.enhancements.org/>

NTEC Guide to TE  
<http://www.enhancements.org/misc/TEGuide2002.pdf>